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The New Air Service Chief

THE early appointment of Col. Mason M. Patrick to the post of Chief of Air Service in the place of Maj. Gen. Charles T. Mendenhall reflects that the War Department had little difficulty in choosing an officer for this detail. Colonel Patrick's record as head of the Air Service, A.E.F., as well as his recognized ability as an engineer officer, made him the obvious choice for a flying officer to succeed.

Great respect was expressed everywhere that General Mitchell did not receive the promotion, but it is also pointed out in detail which confirms the advanced rank of Major General would cause much hard feeling if given to an officer as young as General Mitchell when men of much longer service were available.

The general feeling over the new appointment is that the new Chief of Air Service will not tolerate any action on the part of officers which are not in harmony with the policy of the War Department.

While it has been thought that the main difficulty in the Air Service was caused by General Mitchell's outspoken claims for aircraft, this phase seems to have recently been substantiated by various difficulties relating to contracts. When the Secretary of War has to put comparatively small orders before the Cabinet for a decision as to policy, it is a reflection on the service which creates a situation as involved as to require prompt action. It is felt that the new Chief will so guide the service that such matters will henceforth follow the routine observed in other branches of the Army rather than become special cases requiring a Cabinet decision.

Another point in connection with the appointment of Colonel Patrick is the recognition by the War Department that special qualifications in aerial administration are required from an Air Service Chief. If an officer without any previous experience or contact with the Air Service and with aircraft had been selected, it would have indicated that the Secretary of War regarded the Air Service merely as a part of the Army which any general officer could administer.

Everyone concerned with the best interests of the Air Service will work with interest developments in connection with General Mitchell to learn whether or not this change was made to silence his active propaganda in behalf of expanded aerial activities by the Government.

General Mendenhall

FROM time to time mention has been made in AVIATION and AIRCRAFT JOURNAL of the many fine qualities of the Chief of Air Service who has resigned. Coming as he did, without his services, as a branch of the service in which he had had no experience, it is only natural that he should have been, as he was, beset with numerous difficulties in the exercise of his duties.

His firm belief in the ultimate and decisive importance of the infantryman perhaps made it difficult for him to accept many of the claims of aerial advocates, but his avowedness tried to make his decision at all times on a broad basis. Any officer who tries to reconcile the occasional conservatism of writers with the theories which necessarily arise from professed technical means must have great mental power. And this is the quality which General Mendenhall possessed to a large degree.

If his tenure of the post of Chief of Air Service has demonstrated the different which exist, an officer in charge of the aerial arm who received his training as another branch of the Army, the experience will definitely work out for the best of the Air Service.

General Mendenhall leaves the Air Service to return to service with troops in the field with the high regard of the entire aeronautical profession, and the numerous friends he made will follow his future career with sympathetic interest.

The Zeppelin-Staaken Monoplane

THE detailed description of the Zeppelin-Staaken 3000 hp. monoplane which is printed in this issue is worth the serious consideration of all aeronautical engineers. While we do not wish to claim that this type of construction, which embodies a very great number of entirely novel innovations, represents as it stands the type of the future monoplane, we believe that the great efforts which have been expended upon this machine with a view to solving various problems which come up in connection with commercial air transport deserve much thought.

The exclusive use of sheet duralumin in the structure of the machine is about noteworthy. By employing duralumin in the shape in which it leaves the rolling mills, Dr. Rohrbach, the designer of the machine, has simplified the construction to a considerable degree, for sheet duralumin can be cut into the sections required without necessitating much special machinery, while the operations can be effected by means of riveting. Such a procedure is not only more simple but also has only that tubular construction, where the different tubes have to be assembled either by welding or by sleeve joints, and which often presents great difficulties with regard to reliable connections.

The mounting of the engines in the depth of the wings is certainly ingenious and the passage way connecting the nacelles with the nacelles is no less so, although the wisdom of distributing the nacelles over so large a span may be questioned. Large nacelles are never extremely sensitive to control and wing nacelles require more to emphasize the defect. In this connection it is interesting to hear that Dr. Rohrbach is now building a similar machine which, however, will only be fitted with two engines.

Aeromarine Pioneering

There has been in a steady development, during the past season, of aviation for commercial purposes in the United States. Flying boats, particularly, have come into their own and are being used for many purposes. The Aero-Marine Engineering & Sales Co., signed the contract with the United States Navy for the exclusive manufacture of the "Honey" brand of flying boats. The company, which is located at the present time in Hilo, flying boats, he did so with the restriction that the boats be used only for military purposes. The actual flying would principally be through the use of flying boats—owing to the fact that several years would be necessary before the Navy could build a fleet of flying boats. The flying boat there was always a safe landing place available and most part of the United States can be reached by inland water ways. The contract required to purchase valuable flying boats for the Navy. The Navy, however, did not want to buy these Honey flying boats at less than one third their cost price unless individuals or corporations, to start operating with flying boats, would agree to purchase the boats at a price one third the price made with considerable gain and thought. A full page advertisement in a New York newspaper stated the campaign then was followed by letters to Governors, Mayors and other officials. The campaign was successful in that the Navy again opened one of the demonstrating Aero-Marine Navy H-12 flying boats was sent to the New England States. City officials were asked over their cities and on the whole, the campaign was successful. The Navy, however, did not furnish an Air Service Commission which has been made provision for the establishment of Air Ports throughout the country for next year. In Rhode Island the Navy intended

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facilities for making an Air Port. Geneva, N. Y.; Erie, Pa.; Port Huron, Mich.; Petoskey, Mich.; Charlevoix, Mich.; Marquette, Mich.; Traverse City, Mich.; Mackinac, Mich. and Cheboygan, Mich.

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"In one city, namely, Traverse City, I found M. D. Bryant who was distributor for Ford automobiles in that section. He also marketed the possibilities in flying boats and we appointed him our sales agent for northern Michigan. He will use five boats for 1933 and possibly more.

"During the test run trip we had no mechanical trouble with the 400 hp. Liberty engine with one exception when we landed on Lake Huron on account of water in the carburetor. When one realizes that this boat has been away from the factory for two and a half months and has incurred no special care beyond proper handling, and has only been pumped out once during the entire trip, it is easy to see that our estimate of four to five years as the average life of this type flying boat was all conservative."

"We carried hundreds of people on this long flying trip. We charged them \$10 each, and carried five at a time. In some of the northern Michigan summer resorts we flew steadily from early morning until dark. One reason why flying boats have a commercial failure is the fact that every man, woman,

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or child who got out of our boat after a fight, was smiling, and it was wonderful, and wanted to go again.

"We arrived back in New York with several thousand dollars above our expenses, a record of sales in retail where these boats will create new patterns of aviation, and a knowledge that on the entire New York-Chicago inland water way route provision has been made for flying boat travel."

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The firm was met by Mr. E. Greenwood, Hon. Secretary-Treasurer of the Arctic League at the British Empire, Canadian Club, where he outlined the conditions of the trip, and by Canadian officials. The firm was then taken to the ship, the name of which would be an ordinary boat. On account of the dangerous ice lanes in Canada, a representative of the Arctic League, Mr. J. H. McNeill, was to accompany the party. Before leaving New York telegrams passed to the Arctic League, moved from the Canadian Air Board to the San Francisco to proceed through Canada, on leaving Montreal an insurance policy was taken out for the ship and cargo. The ship, the *Syng* boat, was a vessel leaving for a foreign port. This was named from the Yale University's office without any difficulty. The *Syng* arrived at Alexandra Bay at 10 a.m. after a long voyage.

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AVIATION

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H. A. BRETHER, CAPSALE, AND D. G. RICHMONDS, FILLED WITH
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over the high school regatta. Leaving Buffalo at 4:35, Ems, Pa., was reached at 6 p. m. July 16. Four days were spent in Erie and many passengers were carried.

Mr. Bruno addressed members of the Chamber of Commerce of that city and they agreed, in cooperation with the Yacht Club, to make Erie an *ad portum* spring. From Erie the fleet proceeded to Toledo and Detroit, arriving at that port at 4 o'clock on July 31, where they were met by Mr. Sheldon, Commodore P. S. L. Bellenger, Jack Bunn, Dr. Nathan Polak, Commodore of Detroit, Mr. Matigon, President of the Detroit Yacht Club, and others. This latter party were willing to leave as the *Santa Maria* on the next leg of her flight to Chicago.

The *American* HR left Detroit July 21 and anchored in Night Landing Chicago stopping en route at Port Huron, Alton and St. Louis. It was scheduled to leave Chicago on July 23 and on the 24, which was Sunday, the ship landed on Twin Lake, Charlevoix, Mich., one of the northernmost of the Great Lakes. There had been considerable talk that the *American* Navy HR and the two Italian ships would be in the Lake at Charlevoix Sunday afternoon. Many passengers were carried in both boats and numerous fishermen cruised about the lake. The *American* was the only ship that was so much loaded with passengers. On account of the late start Traverse City was reached after a fight the latest part of the night which was in darkness. The *Santa Maria* proceeded to the city and anchored in the harbor. The *American* stayed in the harbor for three days at Traverse City, and then left for Chicago, stopping en route at Muskegon, Montague, Holland

The plane arrived at Chicago on Aug. 1 at 11:30 a. m. and landed at the Pageant of Progress pavilion in rough weather. The party was met by Mayor Thompson and a committee of citizens. The Santa Maria had already arrived at Chicago on Thursday previous and was the center of attention at the Pageant of Progress. From Aug. 1 to Aug. 17, the American



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marine Mary H22 made flights along the Lake Michigan shore and up to Lake Superior.

The return flight was started August 18 with the coast crew aboard with the exception of Mr. Rye who had returned to New York earlier in the week. His daughter was accompanied while en route to Charleston and a landing made at Portage Point. Charleston was reached on the 20th, and on the 21st the flying boat flew back to Traverse City, carried passengers that afternoon, and then proceeded to Huron Point. Five days were spent at this summer resort and passengers were returned from early morning until dark. The return flight followed the same route and was uneventful except that several severe storms were encountered, a particularly bad one prevailing on the coast at Lake Huron, but a safe landing was made at Port Huron. From Port Huron the flying boat proceeded, stopping at Detroit and Kew, and then making a trip from Erie to Buffalo, where the old propeller was replaced, the engine again demonstrated its power having won every race against an airplane. Following an telegraphic instructions the flying boat took the length of Lake Erie and spent the night of Sept. 2 at Cedar Point. The return flight from Cedar Point was successful. Singers flew from over seas at an altitude of 2,000 ft., and continued following the Canadian side of Lake Ontario the last few days along the New York side stopping at Oswego Beach and Oswego. Good luck was made from there down to Montreal where the last day of the tour was spent. On Sept. 30 the boat left Montreal at 7:30 and arrived at Burlington, Vermont at 8:40, and then proceeded to Plattsburgh where it remained over night. On Sunday, Sept. 13, at 11:11 a. m. the boat left Plattsburgh with one crew, leaving the boat the first time with one crew and the last of the last flight. Lake George was passed at an altitude of 3,000 ft. and Albany reached at 1:35. Here the crew had lunch and put their record leaving at 4:30 and landing safely in New York at 6:30 p. m.

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Bombing Tests of the U.S.S. Alabama

To enable the Army Air Service to pursue bombing experiments against warships supplementary to the tests conducted last June and July off the Virginia Capes, the Navy Department has arranged, even to the War Department, the details of the Alabama.

The objects of the tests conducted with the Alabama are described in an Army Air Service communication as follows:

Objects of the Tests

- To determine what explosive or gas effect is needed to put aircraft out of action. It has been demonstrated that aircraft may be utterly destroyed, if the engine of free rotation, communication and mechanical installation of vessels can be disrupted and the various systems of the launch brought to such a point that the efficiency of the crew is destroyed without necessarily destroying the vessel.
- To determine the effect of smoke bombs in concealing the attack of aircraft and of the effect of white phosphorus smoke in neutralizing anti-aircraft elements.
- To determine the effect of machine gun fire and drug neutralization in clearing the ship's decks of anti-aircraft guns.
- To determine the feasibility and effect of night attacks on aircraft.

There will be two distinct phases in the operations—the first, purely experimental in its nature to determine the effects of various auxiliary agents against the attack, the second, of attack proper, consisting in nearly as profitable service conditions.

Location of Target

Target will be located in Chesapeake Bay in the vicinity of the Es-Plan Marion. Operations at the target will be controlled from the battleship.

Board of Observers

A Board of Observers consisting of three Air Service officers, two Ordnance officers and two officers of the Chemical Warfare Service will inspect the results of tests and attacks on the battleship as indicated hereafter.

An additional personnel will be stationed near the target. A radio station will be established to be kept by the Air Service. The ship-chase, one gun, and the five Harriet will be stationed at this distance during the operations. The Air Service will observe the effect of (Observers and other visitors to and from the scene of the bombing, and the remote work. During bombing the Board of Observers will be stationed aboard the sub-chase.

Description of Tests and of Attacks

In the preliminary tests a sufficient number of bombs and gases of all types will be dropped to determine the effect of each and the best method of tactical employment. It is anticipated that experiments with four gas bombs will give important data on the attack of battleships by gas bombs. It is equally certain the effect of phosphorus and smoke bombs will be determined. It is believed that smoke screens may be used with great effect in protecting the attacking airplanes from anti-aircraft defenses of aircraft. In order to determine that a series of tests will be held in which the various kinds of aviation will make simulated attacks on the battleship through smoke screens.

Night Attacks

The tactical effectiveness of flares in illuminating the attack of battleships will be determined in the preliminary tests as well as the effect of white phosphorus in neutralizing aircraft at night with sufficient darkness to permit accurate attacks.

Tests will also be conducted to determine the effect of the 110-lb. armor-piercing bomb.

In the conclusion of the above stated tests an attack will be made on the battleship. This will be for tactical purposes and will employ the 1100-lb., 2000-lb. and 4000-lb. demolition bombs.

3rd Day. Tests with Chemical Agents

In order to determine the effect of such of the following types of chemical bombs, tests will be made on the order listed below:

TESTS	PLACES	TYPE OF BOMBS	NUMBER OF BOMBS
1	1 100-lb. 400-lb.	100-lb. Smoke Bomb, Type 1	1
2	1 100-lb. 400-lb.	100-lb. Smoke Bomb, Type 2	1
3	1 100-lb. 400-lb.	100-lb. Smoke Bomb, Type 3	1
4	1 100-lb. 400-lb.	100-lb. Smoke Bomb, Type 4	1
5	1 100-lb. 400-lb.	100-lb. Smoke Bomb, Type 5	1
6	1 100-lb. 400-lb.	100-lb. Smoke Bomb, Type 6	1

In each attack one plane carrying the most accurate and type of bombs will accompany the attacking planes in the attack. The attacking planes will be allowed to attack one of the planes in forced to abandon the mission.

2nd Day. Smoke Screen Tests

In order to determine the best method of employing smoke screens with the various batteries of aviation, experimental flights will be made by various planes, light bombing planes, and heavy bombing planes. Only light bombs will, however, be used and their effect on targets observed. List of tests as the order in which they will be conducted follows:

TESTS	PLACES	TYPE OF BOMBS	NUMBER OF BOMBS
1	1 100-lb. 400-lb.	100-lb. Smoke Bomb, Type 1	1
2	1 100-lb. 400-lb.	100-lb. Smoke Bomb, Type 2	1
3	1 100-lb. 400-lb.	100-lb. Smoke Bomb, Type 3	1
4	1 100-lb. 400-lb.	100-lb. Smoke Bomb, Type 4	1
5	1 100-lb. 400-lb.	100-lb. Smoke Bomb, Type 5	1
6	1 100-lb. 400-lb.	100-lb. Smoke Bomb, Type 6	1

Upon the completion of each test there will be an examination of the Alabama by the Board of Observers to determine the results obtained.

1st Night. Tests of Illuminating Bombs and Flares

In order to investigate the results of bombing at night and the illuminating effects of parachute flares and other aviation bombs as an aid in accurately locating the objectives, the following tests will be conducted in conjunction with the dropping of illuminating flares and bombs:

TESTS	PLACES	TYPE OF BOMBS	NUMBER OF BOMBS
1	1 100-lb. 400-lb.	100-lb. Smoke Bomb, Type 1	1
2	1 100-lb. 400-lb.	100-lb. Smoke Bomb, Type 2	1
3	1 100-lb. 400-lb.	100-lb. Smoke Bomb, Type 3	1
4	1 100-lb. 400-lb.	100-lb. Smoke Bomb, Type 4	1
5	1 100-lb. 400-lb.	100-lb. Smoke Bomb, Type 5	1
6	1 100-lb. 400-lb.	100-lb. Smoke Bomb, Type 6	1

Upon the completion of these attacks there will be an examination of the Alabama by the Board of Observers to determine the results obtained.

3rd Night

On the third night an attack will be made for the purpose of destroying the Alabama. Following will be the order of attacks:

ATTACK	PLACES	TYPE OF BOMBS	NUMBER OF BOMBS
1	1 100-lb. 400-lb.	100-lb. Smoke Bomb, Type 1	1
2	1 100-lb. 400-lb.	100-lb. Smoke Bomb, Type 2	1
3	1 100-lb. 400-lb.	100-lb. Smoke Bomb, Type 3	1
4	1 100-lb. 400-lb.	100-lb. Smoke Bomb, Type 4	1
5	1 100-lb. 400-lb.	100-lb. Smoke Bomb, Type 5	1
6	1 100-lb. 400-lb.	100-lb. Smoke Bomb, Type 6	1

4th Day of Tests

The first day of tests (chemical agents) was Sept. 25. The following particulars of these tests are reproduced by courtesy of The New York Times:

A fleet of planes from Langley Field poured a constant fire of chemical bombs on the ship, at times striking her own planes from view in dense clouds of white smoke and flooding her decks with gas.

At noon a Martin bomber fired by at seventy-five miles an

hour, dropping four 160-pound phosphorus bombs, each of which struck squarely in the "gun deck" and the "gun deck" between the phosphorus splashed up and fell in the decks in a gray clatters of spray. Flashes of flame glowed through the smoke, but were almost instantly obscured by a cloud of dense white fog.

The Alabama was hit on the other fighting top, on the bridge, just off the forward turret and on the stern. For a long time flames burned the plating of the Alabama's deck, and when the Army bomber observed that to save the effect of the target the fire was not making:

As no men were stationed on board the Alabama during this spray after test, the personnel of the ship was represented by wooden boxes at various points. Eventually many one of these was scorched and destroyed by the phosphorus gas, showing that if the ship had been manned her officers and enlisted men would have been knocked out by the choking chemicals. These phosphorus bombs were used to show that a heavy smoke screen could be so dropped that it would easily hide incoming aircraft and vice the target itself.

Still another experiment was conducted with Morgan bombs. These direct hits were made with planes maneuvered at 1000-foot altitude especially close as during the Morgan bombs' war.

These contained only a 16 per cent mixture of test gas for they were intended to frighten rather than to destroy. The bombs were so dense in their effect that they-few minutes after they struck the vessel observers were unable to penetrate the ship without gas masks.

Night Bombing Test

The night bombing test, Sept. 23-25, resulted in several times being made on the Alabama by attacking airplanes. Upon the cleared decks at an angle of 45 degrees as they were the vessel, and the aircraft hit lower than the target in an actual battle condition. The purpose of this was to destroy the morale of the attacking ship's personnel.

As they moved over the ship from point to point the situation changed their direction in point. The glowing bombs were visible in the air, and the ship's deck was struck in the water near the ship. One hit the forward turret and another the aft turret. Still another struck a searchlight and a fourth struck the bridge in point.

The aircraft seemed to come better and more than they returned to the target. At first they were inclined to climb about the vessel, but, knowing the work, they held their fire until they were at about a 200-ft. angle.

Following the September 23-25, four Martin bombers. The first dropped two of her 500-lb. bombs in the sea beside the Alabama from a height of 1,000 ft., but the third airplane hit her two bombs directly on the forward deck. As the first bomb struck the crew of the Alabama a column of flame shot up.

This test was preceded by a test by the Air Service observers because the vessel had claimed and the Martin bombers were missing the target completely, dropping a narrow target.

Second Day Test

The second day test, Sept. 24, started with one DH-4 Air Service machine, having a smoke screen across the water and the Alabama. The aircraft was seen to be in the water, but, right enough, it was a fire shaped cloud arose which had all the usual except her box.

The test was followed by bombing attacks with 300-lb. bombs dropped by Martin bombers. One of these bombs hit the bow of the ship and tore through her first deck, spreading the sides of the jagged hole upward so far that the guns of her forward turret would have been unable to sight above the wreckage.

The crew's quarters below this deck were demolished. A second bomb, dropped with the first, followed through the bow side to the third, causing more destruction. In the third day of tests, a fleet of eight B-5's planes dropped thirty-two bombs, many of which struck the ship in vital spots. Her communication systems were shot down, her fighting masts badly damaged and some of her engines were put out of commission.

In twelve more some of the explosives that the battered

Alabama tore loose from her anchor chains and drifted down toward the wreck by the time morning broke.

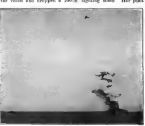
The next morning the ship was seen to be in the sea, and nine wrecks made fast to the hull and fought the first back into the harbor, where it was not believed it would accomplish much additional damage.

The Alabama a Sink

The final attack on the Alabama, on Sept. 25, resulted in the ship being sunk by a 2000-lb. armor-piercing bomb.

The bomb tore off her mast, destroyed her superstructure and turned her over on her side in shallow water. Six other planes almost simultaneously raised 1,000 and 2,000-lb. bombs on the hull as she went down. Four hit the vessel as she tumbled over and the remainder landed in the water within 30 to 50 ft.

The place where the Alabama lies down shows how close the vessel and dropped a 300-lb. lighting bomb. Her pilot



THE ALABAMA AFTER A NIGHT BOMBING DROPPED TWO 300-LB. BOMBS ON DECK, BURNING DURING TEST. Photo International

then guided her back, and from observations taken the 2000-lb. bomb was dropped in the identical spot where the lighting bomb had been dropped in the afternoon.

The statistics by the seven planes participating in the final attack was 180 per cent. Air Service officers said.

American Airways, Inc.

The American Airways, Inc., operating a training school for air mechanics, and aerial "springs" at College Point, L. I., has announced that it has secured a contract to build a new terminal building for the company. The building is to be built on the site of the old terminal building, which has been a bad location and which is to be fitted out for the water. The building for this work are concrete, and all repairs, etc., are under the direct supervision of Captain T. L. Ellis, formerly of the American Airways. The work is all done on a basis of actual cost of material and labor, plus a twenty-five per cent charge for overhead. The result is high-class work done very reasonably.

In addition to this, radiotelephones are able to do a great deal of the work which usually must be done in considerable money and for this there is no charge.

The American Airways is located on the Point at College Point, which is the peninsula on the northeast of Flushing Bay and the East River. The building is part of the College Point Post Office, and is quite large and easily identified by windows, flag and sign.

Students will also be trained in mechanics, in order, as well as in the "lean-back" with airplane motion and propellers.

The Zeppelin-Staaken 1000 Hp. Monoplane



FIG. 1. GENERAL VIEW OF THE ZEPPELIN-STAAKEN 1,000 HP. MONOPLANE IN ITS ORIGINAL FORM, BUILT IN BERLIN, GERMANY.

While the principal activities of the Zeppelin Co. had, up to the American, centered upon the production of rigid airships, this important German firm has ever since 1912 been actively concerned with the construction of heavier-than-air craft. In that year it created, under the name of Flugzeugbau Friedrichshafen, its first subsidiary firm, the activities of which were confined to airplane construction. During the war the "F. F." company built a great number of single and twin engine airplanes, including landplanes, biplanes, and, through their contract with the firm, also because one of the two principal contractors to the German navy. In 1917 the firm concentrated on the production of twin engined bombers which were largely used by the German army air service.*

* See description in *AVIATION*, June 1 and 15, 1919.

In the meantime the Zeppelin Co. established two new aviation plants, one at Bremen, near Friedrichshafen, and the other at Lands, Bavaria. Both establishments were created with a view to applying to heavier-than-air craft the experience the Zeppelin company works had gathered in aerodynamic construction. The Bremen plant specialized in the construction of airplanes built to the design of G. Dornier, while the Lands plant produced mostly single and two-seater fighters, besides a few giant airplanes. At the same time the Zeppelin Co. started experimenting with multi-engined giant airplanes at its Bremen plant and this work was conducted under the supervision of Dr. Robertsh. Most of the airplanes built at the latter plant were three or five engined, with individual propellers, but there was also produced an experimental winged type in which the engines were

grouped together in pairs to three propellers. The experience Dr. Robertsh then gained appears to have justified his faith in giant airplanes, but at the same time it must have disclosed some of the serious drawbacks of putting several engines on a single propeller for the latest giant machine built to his design, the Zeppelin-Staaken 1000 hp. monoplane, is equipped with four wing engines driving individual propellers.

Development of the Machine. Constructive work on the 1000 hp. monoplane started in May 1918, but owing to certain difficulties due to the Inter-Allied Commission of Aeronautics Control the machine was only completed in September, 1919. Difficulties were experienced in obtaining the release of the 300 hp. Maybach engines for which the monoplane was designed as they were to be destroyed with other war material. The commission was finally prevailed upon to lend the desired engines for the duration of the loan, after which they were to be returned to the allied authorities for destruction in accordance with the peace terms.

The description which follows is based in part on an inspection of the machine by our correspondent for Central Europe, Eric Thibodeau, and in part on an article by Dr. Robertsh recently contributed to the journal of the Society of German Engineers, from which the principal data and few drawings have been reproduced. We are also indebted for certain constructional details to a description of the machine by E. L. Lemaire in *L'Aéronautique* of July 1-15, 1921.

The Zeppelin-Staaken 1000 hp. monoplane, known as model E-4 250, was built with a view to continuing the development of multi-engined airplanes produced during the late war, mentioned above, and to gain experience in the design of huge commercial machines. The Zeppelin Co. originally intended to use this monoplane in competition with the passenger winged biplanes between Berlin and Friedrichshafen to determine the respective merits of heavier-than-air and lighter-than-air craft in the light of commercial operation. The conditions resulting from the peace terms, however, prevented them from carrying out this plan.

Weights. The model E-4 250, of which several full views are shown in Figs. 1 to 4, is entirely built of duralumin, including the covering of the wings and of the fuselage. The weight empty is 3,360 kg., but Dr. Robertsh considered it expedient to lower this figure as later construction, based on his experience gained in building the first machine. Fully loaded the monoplane weighs 15,700 kg., giving a useful load of 12,340 kg., which corresponds to a carrying efficiency of about 25 per cent. The wing loading is somewhat heavy,

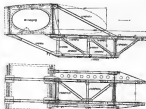


FIG. 2. SIDE ELEVATION AND PLAN OF AN ENGINE MOUNTING. THE RIVETED ENDS OF THE WINGS ARE SHOWN AT A DOUBLE LINE.

being 164 lb. per sq. ft., as a result of which the machine takes off and lands at very high speeds, those being 40 and 60 m.p.h. respectively.

In the course of some twenty test flights made on far a maximum horizontal speed of 130 m.p.h. was obtained with the engines throttled down 100 rpm. below their normal full speed. With the engines "at cut" it is expected to later the performance.

Dimensions. The overall height of the machine, measured to the tip of the propellers in vertical position, is 17 ft., and the overall length is 66 ft. The wings have a span of 102 ft., a maximum depth of 12 ft., 8 in., and a maximum depth of ft. Measured on the mean chord the upper surface of the wings is 1.93, as compared with the mean figure of 1.5 to 1.5 to 1.5 which prevail in monoplane construction.

The Wings. The general outline of the wings is shown in plan in Fig. 6, while Figs. 7, 8 and 11 illustrate various details. The wings are built around a double box girder (Fig. 6) which is composed of three I-beam beams 5 and a number of transverse frames. These components elements, with the use of sheet duralumin of diverse sections, are riveted together by means of wedge strips. To this box girder are riveted lattice work ribs, as shown in Fig. 10, and the upper and lower purlins of the wings. The duralumin sheets of the purlins decrease in thickness from 4 mm. at the roots to 2 mm. at the tips, and are internally reinforced by U section strips. The strength of the purlins is sufficient to enable a man to walk over any part of the wings without causing bending.

The box girder is equal in width throughout the span of the wings, but it decreases in depth from the outer engine nacelles. Up to that point the transverse frames in the front portion of the box girder are bolted over in the form of an oval which is large enough to enable a man to crawl through it. The resulting passage way leads from the control cockpit, in the fuselage, to the engine nacelles. Fig. 9 is an external view of this passage way, the structure being shown standing on its short side. The U section strips which stiffen the wing purlins are plainly visible.

In the remainder of the double box girder the transverse frames are merely bolted on for lightness and for ease of erection. Engine Mounts. The engine nacelles are built up around the structure shown in Fig. 7. A view of the engine nacelle with the structure covering partly removed is illustrated in Fig. 11, from which the means of access from the wing passageway may be grasped. On the outerboard side of each of the lower nacelles, which are 260 hp. Maybach's, sufficient space is provided for so a machine may adjust the engine in bank. Fig. 12 shows a complete engine in such a disassembled condition and another propeller, which is direct



FIG. 2, 3, 4 (LEFT). VARIOUS VIEWS OF THE ZEPPELIN-STAAKEN.—FIG. 3 (RIGHT). INTERIOR VIEW OF THE PASSENGER FUSELAGE SHOWING THE WING STRUCTURE WHICH CHARACTERIZES THE ZEPPELIN-STAAKEN.

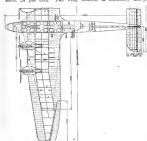


FIG. 6. PLAN OF THE E-4 250, 1000 HP. MONOPLANE SHOWING THE ARRANGEMENT OF THE WING AND THE ARRANGEMENT OF THE FUSELAGE.

A New Armored Airplane

A two-engined armored airplane, designed to protect the pilot and passenger, has recently been designed by Louis and Oliver, a French firm. The purpose of the construction was to supply the need for an airplane properly armored and at the same time light and maneuverable. The power plant of this new plane are two Salmson 180 hp. Le Mans engines, mounted in a streamline nacelle on each side of the central fuselage, which is constructed entirely of duralumin and is subjected to withstand six times the normal load. A series of tubes forming Warren trusses is attached to the longitudinal of the fuselage.

The pilot and the passenger who are in one compartment are protected by steel plates 1/2 in. in thickness, riveted together. The weight of the armor alone is 600 lb. The passenger can either remain in his own cage or seat himself behind the pilot and take control of the machine. The fuselage, the gun ring is mounted on slides and can be moved backward.

The engines are supplied from a main tank having a capacity of 75 gal., mounted in the nose of the fuselage, and by two gravity tanks on the top wing. All tanks are independent. There is a pump for each of the gravity tanks, and by drawing a tap in the pilot's cockpit one pump can be used for supplying both tanks if the other pump is damaged. Should both pumps be put out of action, the gravity tanks contain enough fuel to last an hour's flight. Each engine is held in place by duralumin tubes attached to the interplane struts and the landing gear.

The plane has a speed at ground level of 114 m.p.h., and at 9,544 ft., 185 m.p.h., with a ceiling of from 18,000 to 19,000 ft. The length of the machine is 27 ft., span 47 ft., height 13 ft., and wing area 509 sq. ft. It can carry a useful load of 1,320 lb.

With only one engine running, the machine has made a series of figure eight turns without losing altitude. In this test the full load of 1,320 lb. was carried, and a horizontal speed of 65 m.p.h. was made.

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As a result of examinations for the entry of boy mechanics into the Royal Air Force held during the first six months of 1932, approximately 360 boys will be taken into the Force. The successful candidates will be allocated into training in various skilled trades as approximately the following: carpenters, Carpenters, 104; Copper-smiths, 30; Draughtsmen, 10; Fitters, 360; Pattern Makers, 18; Boys accepted for service before 1930; Pattern Makers, 30. Boys accepted for service will be taken both from those who have been nominated by the Local Education Authorities for examination, and those who took the open competitive examinations held by the Civil Service Commissioners. It is suggested that the various industries and employers be made to give effect to each boy's individual preferences.

Switzerland

The report of the work of the Swiss Air Force during the year 1930 shows that 12,394 flights were made for a total duration of 5,512 hours. In this number of flights only 5 accidents occurred. No one was injured in these accidents, but there were two deaths as the result of crashes during non-service flights. In the training of aviators in Switzerland, which included an average of 16 hours flying per month, special stress was laid in the development of safety in flying.

Japan

Japanese aviation authorities, it is understood, are making preparations for the establishment of an aerial port near Tokyo. This port is intended to be the first of many aerodromes to be constructed in Japan, Korea, Manchuria, etc. It is to comprise a training ground, landing place, warehouse, communications, hospital, wireless installation, a signal tower, etc., also equipment for night flying. The fact that this air port will be placed under the control of the Imperial Japanese Aviation Bureau will serve to make it an important military asset in time of war.

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